Rise of Nationalism: Italian and German Unification

Directions: Watch the Screencast, take notes in your notebook, and answer the questions below as you watch the video. Remember, you can pause the video at any time.

Big Idea Questions:

1. What is nationalism?
2. What factors/reasons cause people to want to become unified under a single flag?
3. How can the rise of nationalistic feelings lead to unity/creation of a country and dismantle empires?

Italian Unification

1. What country and its leader caused Italians to desire to become unified as a nation?
2. Who are the three famous leaders of Italian unification?
3. What were the leaders’ ultimate goal? How did they achieve this?

German Unification

1. How many German states were there before unification?
2. What leader is called the “architect of German unification?”
3. How did Bismarck try to instigate/encourage nationalistic feelings?
4. What countries did he start wars with to gain territory and create a unified Germany?

Free Response

1. Based on what you learned today, how do you think the rise of nationalism in Germany and Italy and their unification into single countries was a cause of World War I???